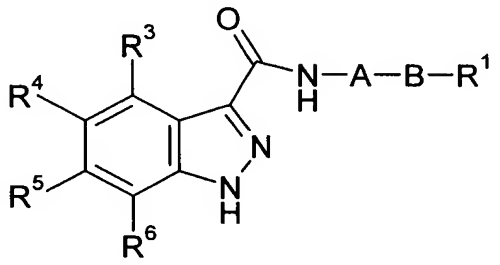
CLAIMS

1. A compound of the formula (I) for use in the prophylaxis or treatment of a disease state or condition mediated by a cyclin dependent kinase:



(I)

wherein

A is a group R^2 or CH_2-R^2 where R^2 is a carbocyclic or heterocyclic group having from 3 to 12 ring members;

B is a bond or an acyclic linker group having a linking chain length of up to 3 atoms selected from C, N, S and O;

R^1 is hydrogen or a group selected from SO_2R^b, $SO_2NR^7R^8$, $CONR^7R^8$, NR^7R^9 and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 7 ring members;

R^3, R^4, R^5 and R^6 are the same or different and are each selected from hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, carboxy, amino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$, $X^1C(X^2)X^1$, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, SO_2NR^c or NR^cSO_2; and R^b is selected from hydrogen, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$;

R^c is hydrogen or C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl;

X^1 is O, S or NR^c and X^2 is =O, =S or $=NR^c$;

R^7 is selected from hydrogen and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$;

R^8 is selected from R^7 and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members;

R^9 is selected from R^8, COR^8 and SO_2R^8;

or NR^7R^8 or NR^7R^9 may each form a heterocyclic group having from 5 to 12 ring members;

but excluding the compounds N-[(morpholin-4-yl)phenyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide and N-[4-(acetylaminosulphonyl)phenyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide.

2. A compound for use according to claim 1 wherein A is a group R^2.

3. A compound for use according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the carbocyclic or heterocyclic group R^2 is other than a bridged polycyclic group

4. A compound for use according to any one of the preceding claims wherein R^2 is a carbocyclic group.

5. A compound for use according to claim 4 wherein the carbocyclic group is a benzene ring.

6. A compound for use according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the group R^2 bears no substituents other than the group B.

7. A compound for use according to any of claims 1 to 5 wherein the group R^2 is substituted by one or more substituents R^{10} selected from halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, carboxy, amino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$, $X^1C(X^2)X^1$, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, SO_2NR^c or NR^cSO_2; and R^b is selected from hydrogen, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 7 ring members, and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$;

R^c is hydrogen or C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl; and

X^1 is O, S or NR^c and X^2 is =O, =S or $=NR^c$.

8. A compound for use according to claim 7 wherein R^{10} is selected from halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, amino; a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$, $X^1C(X^2)X^1$, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, SO_2NR^c or NR^cSO_2; and R^b is selected from hydrogen and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$;

R^c is hydrogen or C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl;

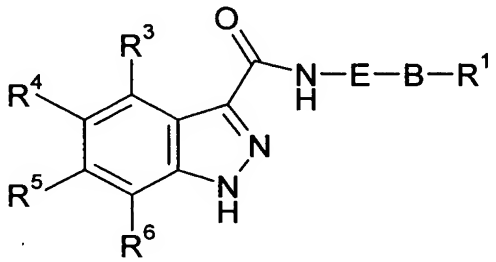
X^1 is O, S or NR^c and X^2 is =O, =S or $=NR^c$.

9. A compound for use according to claim 7 or claim 8 wherein the group R^2 is substituted by 1, 2, 3 or 4 groups R^{10}.

10. A compound for use according to any one of the preceding claims wherein R^1 is other than hydrogen.

11. A compound for use according to claim 10 wherein R^1 is selected from $SO_2NR^7R^8$, $CONR^7R^8$, NR^7R^9 and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 7 ring members.

12. A compound *per se* of the formula (II):



I)

wherein

E is a group R^{12} or CH_2-R^{12a} where R^{12} is a substituted or unsubstituted, non-bridged, carbocyclic or heterocyclic group having from 3 to 12 ring members, other than a diazacycloalkyl moiety, and R^{12a} is an unsubstituted or substituted aryl or heteroaryl group having from 5 to 12 ring members;

B is a bond or an acyclic linker group having a linking chain length of up to 3 atoms selected from C, N, S and O;

R^1 is hydrogen or a group selected from SO_2R^b, $SO_2NR^7R^8$, $CONR^7R^8$, NR^7R^9 and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 7 ring members;

R^3, R^4, R^5 and R^6 are the same or different and are each selected from hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, carboxy, amino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$, $X^1C(X^2)X^1$, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, SO_2NR^c or NR^cSO_2; and R^b is selected from hydrogen, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or

more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$;

R^c is hydrogen or C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl;

X^1 is O, S or NR^c and X^2 is =O, =S or =NR^c;

R^7 is selected from hydrogen and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$;

R^8 is selected from R^7 and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members;

R^9 is selected from R^8, COR^8 and SO_2R^8;

or NR^7R^8 or NR^7R^9 may each form a heterocyclic group having from 5 to 12 ring members;

and the optional substituents for the groups R^{12} and R^{12a} can be one or more substituent groups R^{10} selected from halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, carboxy, amino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$, $X^1C(X^2)X^1$, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, SO_2NR^c or NR^cSO_2; and R^b is selected from hydrogen, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 7 ring members, and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may

optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$;

R^c is hydrogen or C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl;

X^1 is O, S or NR^c and X^2 is =O, =S or $=NR^c$;

with the provisos that:

(a) when R^{12} is an azacycloalkyl or diazacycloalkyl group, at least one nitrogen atom of the azacycloalkyl or diazacycloalkyl group is substituted by an acyl, sulphinyl or sulphonyl group;

(b) when E is a substituted phenyl group, the or each substituent is other than a 5-7 membered non-aromatic ring (such as cyclohexyl) having attached thereto a diazacycloalkyl moiety (such as piperazine), a nitrogen atom of which moiety bears an aryl or heteroaryl substituent; and

(c) R^{12} and R^{12a} are each other than a substituted or unsubstituted imidazole moiety;

but excluding the following:

(i) N-[(morpholin-4-yl)phenyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide;

(ii) N-[4-(acetylaminosulphonyl)phenyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide;

(iii) compounds wherein E is phenyl, R^1 is NR^7R^8 and B is a group $-CH(CH_2OH)CH_2-$;

(iv) compounds wherein R^3 and R^6 are both hydrogen and R^4 and R^5 are both methoxy;

(v) compounds wherein E is unsubstituted pyridyl, B is a bond and R^1 is hydrogen;

(vi) compounds wherein E is phenyl substituted with one or more of alkyl, alkoxy, alkylsulphanyl, alkylsulphinyl other than *meta*-alkylsulphinyl, alkylsulphonyl other than *meta*-alkylsulphonyl, halogen, nitro and trihalomethyl, B is a bond, and R^1 is hydrogen;

(vii) compounds wherein E is a thiophene group bearing a 3-aminocarbonyl substituent;

(viii) the compound wherein E is unsubstituted phenyl or *para*-methoxyphenyl, and each of R^3 to R^6 is hydrogen;

(ix) N-4-methylbenzyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide;

(x) compounds wherein R^3, R^5 and R^6 are each hydrogen, R^4 is methyl and A is unsubstituted benzyl, unsubstituted phenyl, methylphenyl, *meta*-trifluoromethylphenyl, and *ortho*-methoxyphenyl;

(xi) compounds in which E is a 2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane ring;

(xii) compounds containing a benzene ring substituted by a pair of *meta*-oriented carboxamido moieties;

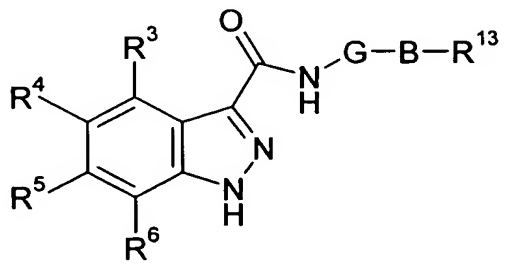
(xiii) compounds wherein E is a trisubstituted phenyl group and two of the substitutents are fluoro and chloro respectively.

13. A compound accoding to claim 12 wherein E-B-R^1 is other than a diazine or triazine substituted by a monocyclic pyrazolyl group or a bicyclic fused pyrazolyl group.

14. A compound according to claim 12 wherein E-B-R^1 is other than a saturated azabicyclic moiety or an imidazolyl moiety.

15. A compound according to claim 12 wherein when E-B-R^1 is an unsubstituted phenyl group, R^3 to R^6 are each other than a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond and R^b is a substituted C_3-C_8 hydrocarbyl group having two or more substituents, one of which contains an unsubstituted or substituted amino group.

16. A compound *per se* of the formula (III):



(III)

wherein

G is a group R^{14} or CH_2-R^{14} where R^{14} is a carbocyclic group having from 3 to 12 ring members;

B is a bond or an acyclic linker group having a linking chain length of up to 3 atoms selected from C, N, S and O;

R^{13} is a group selected from $SO_2NR^7R^8$, $CONR^7R^8$, NR^7R^9 and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 7 ring members;

R^3, R^4, R^5 and R^6 are the same or different and are each selected from hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, carboxy, amino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$, $X^1C(X^2)X^1$, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, SO_2NR^c or NR^cSO_2; and R^b is selected from hydrogen, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$;

R^c is hydrogen or C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl;

X^1 is O, S or NR^c and X^2 is =O, =S or $=NR^c$;

R^7 is selected from hydrogen and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$;

R^8 is selected from R^7 and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members;

R^9 is selected from R^8, COR^8 and SO_2R^8;

or NR^7R^8 or NR^7R^9 may each form a heterocyclic group having from 5 to 12 ring members;

but excluding the compounds N-[(morpholin-4-yl)phenyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide and N-[4-(acetylaminosulphonyl)phenyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide; and further excluding;

(i) compounds wherein A is phenyl, R^1 is NR^7R^8 and B is a group -$CH(CH_2OH)CH_2$-;

(ii) compounds wherein R^3 and R^6 are both hydrogen and R^4 and R^5 are both methoxy.

17. A compound *per se* or compound for use according to any one of the preceding claims wherein B is a bond.

18. A compound *per se* or compound for use according to any one of claims 1 to 16 wherein B is an acyclic linker group having a linking chain length of up to 3 atoms selected from C, N, S and O.

19. A compound *per se* or compound for use according to claim 18 wherein the linker group has a linking chain length of 1 atom.

20. A compound *per se* or compound for use according to claim 18 or claim 19 wherein the atoms defining the linking chain length are all carbon atoms.

21. A compound *per se* or compound for use according to any one of claims 18 to 20 wherein the linker group is a straight chain group.

22. A compound *per se* or compound for use according to claim 21 wherein B is a group $(CH_2)_n$ wherein n is 1, 2 or 3.

23. A compound *per se* or compound for use according to any one of the preceding claims wherein R^6 is hydrogen.

24. A compound *per se* or compound for use according to any one of the preceding claims wherein R^3 is hydrogen or a group selected from halogen, hydroxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, amino and R^a-R^b.

25. A compound *per se* or compound for use according to claim 24 wherein R^3 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, fluorine or chlorine.

26. A compound *per se* or compound for use according to any one of the preceding claims wherein R^5 is hydrogen or a group selected from halogen, hydroxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, amino and R^a-R^b.

27. A compound *per se* or compound for use according to claim 26 wherein R^5 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, fluorine or chlorine.

28. A compound *per se* or compound for use according to any one of the preceding claims wherein R^3 and R^5 are both hydrogen.

29. A compound *per se* or compound for use according to any one of the preceding claims wherein R^6 is selected from hydrogen, methyl, amino, fluorine and chlorine.

30. A compound *per se* or compound for use according to claim 29 wherein R^6 is selected from hydrogen and amino.

31. A compound *per se* or compound for use according to claim 30 wherein R^6 is hydrogen.

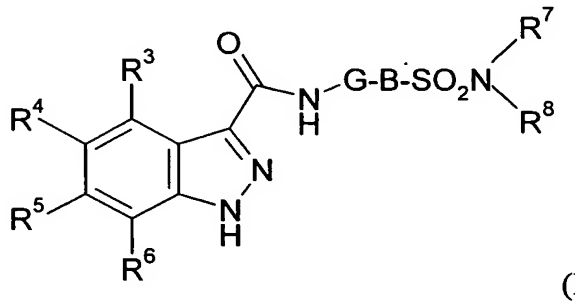
32. A compound *per se* or compound for use according to any one of the preceding claims wherein R^4 is selected from hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and a group R^a-R^b.

33. A compound *per se* or compound for use according to claim 32 wherein R^4 is selected from hydrogen, halogen, a heterocyclic group and a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$, $X^1C(X^2)X^1$, S, SO, SO_2,

NR^c, SO_2NR^c or NR^cSO_2; and R^b is selected from hydrogen, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 5 to 10 ring members, and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, monocyclic carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 5 to 10 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$.

34. A compound *per se* or compound for use according to claim 33 wherein R^4 is selected from hydrogen, halogen, a heterocyclic group, a group O-Het where Het is a heterocyclic groups having from 5 to 10 ring members, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, $C(O)NR^cR^b$ and $SO_2NR^cR^b$ wherein R^b is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl.

35. A compound of the formula (IV):



(IV)

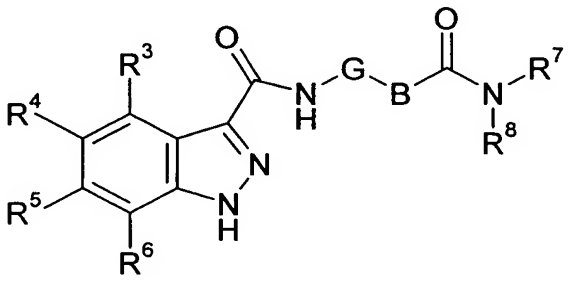
wherein R^3 to R^8, G and B are as defined in any one of the preceding claims.

36. A compound according to claim 35 wherein R^7 and R^8 are selected from hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl or R^7 and R^8 together with the nitrogen atom form a saturated five or six membered heterocyclic ring having one or two heteroatoms.

37. A compound according to claim 36 wherein R^7 and R^8 together with the nitrogen atom form a saturated heterocyclic ring selected from morpholino, piperidino, piperazino and pyrrolidino.

38. A compound according to claim 35 wherein R^7 is hydrogen and R^8 is hydrogen or methyl.

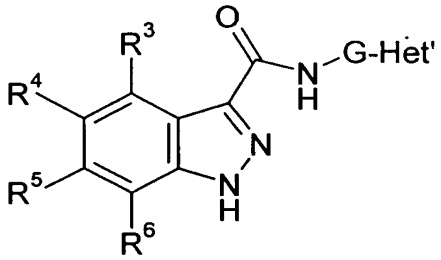
39. A compound of the formula (V):



(V)

wherein R^3 to R^8, G and B are as defined in any one of the preceding claims.

40. A compound of the formula (VI):



(VI)

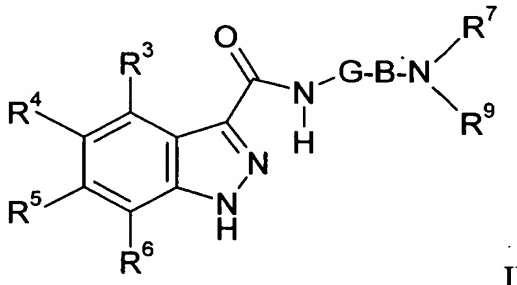
wherein R^3 to R^6 and G are as defined in any one of the preceding claims and Het' is a heterocylic group having from 3 to 7 ring members, but excluding the compound N-[(morpholin-4-yl)phenyl]-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide.

41. A compound according to claim 40 wherein a carbon atom of the heterocyclic group Het' is linked to the group G.

42. A compound according to claim 40 or claim 41 wherein the group Het' is a five membered heteroaryl ring containing 2 or more nitrogen ring members.

43. A compound according to claim 42 wherein the group Het' is selected from tetrazolyl, pyrrolidonyl (e.g.N-pyrrolidonyl), oxazolyl and imidazolyl.

44. A compound of the formula (VII):



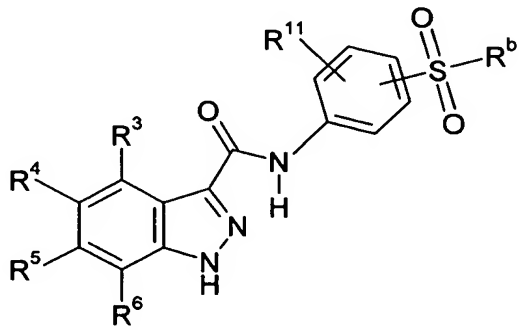
II)

wherein R^3 to R^7, R^9, G and B are as hereinbefore defined.

45. A compound according to claim 44 wherein R^7 is selected from hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl and R^9 is selected from hydrogen, C_{1-4} alkyl and C_{1-4} alkanoyl such as acetyl.

46. A compound according to any one of claims 35 to 46 wherein G is a group R^{14} wherein R^{14} is an aryl group having six ring members and B is a bond or a methylene group.

47. A compound of the formula (VIII):



III)

wherein R^3 to R^6 and R^b are as defined in any one of the preceding claims and R^{11} represents hydrogen or one or more substituents selected from halogen, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, trifluoromethyl and trifluoromethoxy.

48. A compound according to claim 47 wherein the group SO_2R^b is attached to the *meta*-position of the benzene ring.

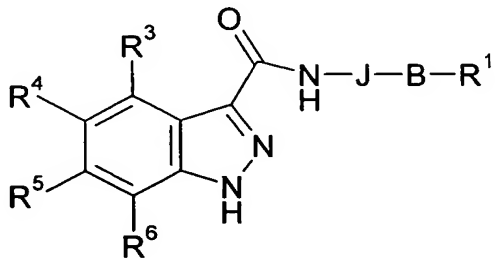
49. A compound according to claim 47 wherein the group SO_2R^b is attached to the *para*-position of the benzene ring.

50. A compound according to any one of claims 47 to 49 wherein R^{11} is hydrogen.

51. A compound according to any one of claims 47 to 50 wherein R^b is C_{1-4} alkyl.

52. A compound according to claim 51 wherein R^b is methyl.

53. A compound of the formula (IX):



(IX)

wherein

J is a group R^{15} or CH_2-R^{15a} where R^{15} is a substituted or unsubstituted, non-bridged heterocyclic group having from 5 to 12 ring members, other than a diazacycloalkyl moiety, and R^{15a} is an unsubstituted or substituted aryl or heteroaryl group having from 5 to 12 ring members;

B is a bond or an acyclic linker group having a linking chain length of up to 3 atoms selected from C, N, S and O;

R^1 is hydrogen when R^{15a} is aryl or, when R^{15a} is other than aryl, R^1 is hydrogen or a group selected from SO_2R^b, $SO_2NR^7R^8$, $CONR^7R^8$, NR^7R^9 and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 7 ring members;

R^3, R^4, R^5 and R^6 are the same or different and are each selected from hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, carboxy, amino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$, $X^1C(X^2)X^1$, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, SO_2NR^c or NR^cSO_2; and R^b is selected from hydrogen, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$;

R^c is hydrogen or C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl;

X^1 is O, S or NR^c and X^2 is =O, =S or $=NR^c$;

R^7 is selected from hydrogen and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$;

R^8 is selected from R^7 and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members;

R^9 is selected from R^8, COR^8 and SO_2R^8;

or NR^7R^8 or NR^7R^9 may each form a heterocyclic group having from 5 to 12 ring members;

and the optional substituents for the groups R^{15} and R^{15a} can be one or more substituent groups R^{10} selected from halogen, hydroxy,

trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, carboxy, amino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$, $X^1C(X^2)X^1$, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, SO_2NR^c or NR^cSO_2; and R^b is selected from hydrogen, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 7 ring members, and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$;

provided that when R^{15a} is aryl it is not substituted either directly, or via an acyclic linker group having a linking chain length of up to 3 atoms selected from C, N, S and O, by a group selected from SO_2R^b, $SO_2NR^7R^8$, $CONR^7R^8$, NR^7R^9 and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 7 ring members;

R^c is hydrogen or C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl;

X^1 is O, S or NR^c and X^2 is =O, =S or $=NR^c$;

with the provisos that:

(a) when R^{15} is an azacycloalkyl group and all of R^3 to R^6 are hydrogen, at least one nitrogen atom of the azacycloalkyl group is substituted by an acyl, sulphinyl or sulphonyl group;

(b) R^{15} and R^{15a} are each other than a substituted or unsubstituted imidazole moiety;

but excluding the following:

(i) compounds wherein R^3 and R^6 are both hydrogen and R^4 and R^5 are both methoxy;

(ii) compounds wherein R^3 to R^6 are all hydrogen, J is unsubstituted pyridyl or pyridylmethyl, B is a bond and R^1 is hydrogen;

(iii) compounds wherein J is phenyl substituted with one or more of alkyl, alkoxy, alkylsulphanyl, alkylsulphinyl other than *meta*-

alkylsulphinyl, alkylsulphonyl other than *meta*-alkylsulphonyl, halogen, nitro and trihalomethyl, B is a bond, and R^1 is hydrogen;

(iv) compounds wherein J is a thiophene group bearing a 3-aminocarbonyl substituent;

(v) the compound wherein J is unsubstituted phenyl or *para*-methoxyphenyl, and each of R^3 to R^6 is hydrogen;

(vi) N-4-methylbenzyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide;

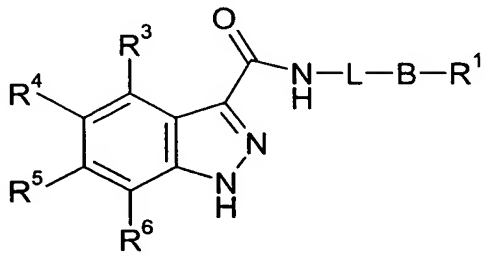
(vii) compounds wherein R^3, R^5 and R^6 are each hydrogen, R^4 is methyl and A is unsubstituted benzyl, unsubstituted phenyl, methylphenyl, *meta*-trifluoromethylphenyl, and *ortho*-methoxyphenyl;

(viii) compounds in which J is a 2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane ring;

(ix) compounds containing a benzene ring substituted by a pair of *meta*-oriented carboxamido moieties; and

(x) compounds wherein J is a trisubstituted phenyl group and two of the substituents are fluoro and chloro respectively.

54. A compound of the formula (X):



(X)

wherein

L is a group R^{16} or CH_2-R^{16} where R^{16} is a substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl group other than imidazole, the heteroaryl group having from 5 to 12 ring members, at least one of which is nitrogen;

B is a bond or an acyclic linker group having a linking chain length of up to 3 atoms selected from C, N, S and O;

R^1 is hydrogen or a group selected from SO_2R^b, $SO_2NR^7R^8$, $CONR^7R^8$, NR^7R^9 and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 7 ring members;

R^3, R^4, R^5 and R^6 are the same or different and are each selected from hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, carboxy, amino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$, $X^1C(X^2)X^1$, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, SO_2NR^c or NR^cSO_2; and R^b is selected from hydrogen, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$, provided that R^4 and R^5 cannot both be methoxy;

R^c is hydrogen or C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl;

X^1 is O, S or NR^c and X^2 is =O, =S or $=NR^c$;

R^7 is selected from hydrogen and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$;

R^8 is selected from R^7 and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members;

R^9 is selected from R^8, COR^8 and SO_2R^8;

or NR^7R^8 or NR^7R^9 may each form a heterocyclic group having from 5 to 12 ring members;

and the optional substituents for R^{16} can be one or more substituent groups R^{10} selected from halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, carboxy, amino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$, $X^1C(X^2)X^1$, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, SO_2NR^c or NR^cSO_2; and R^b is selected from hydrogen, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 7 ring members, and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$;

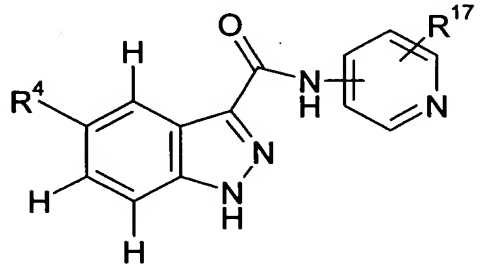
R^c is hydrogen or C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl;

X^1 is O, S or NR^c and X^2 is =O, =S or $=NR^c$;

but excluding compounds wherein all of R^3 to R^6 are hydrogen and L-B-R^1 defines an unsubstituted pyridyl or pyridylmethyl group.

55. A compound according to claim 53 or claim 54 wherein the compound is other than a compound in which J is unsubstituted pyridyl or pyridylmethyl, B is a bond and R^1 is hydrogen.

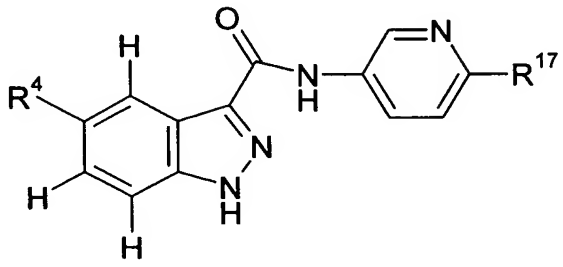
56. A compound according to claim 54 having the formula (XI):



(XI)

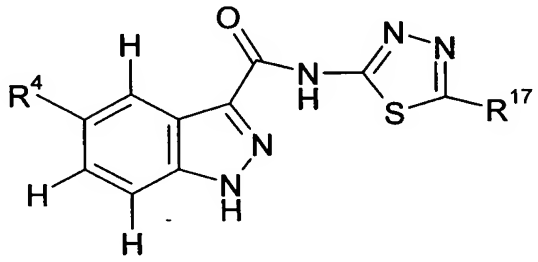
in which R^{17} is hydrogen, B-R^1 or R^{10}, and wherein R^4, B-R^1 and R^{10} are as hereinbefore defined, provided that at least one of R^4 and R^{17} is other than hydrogen.

57. A compound according to claim 56 having the formula (XII):



(XII)

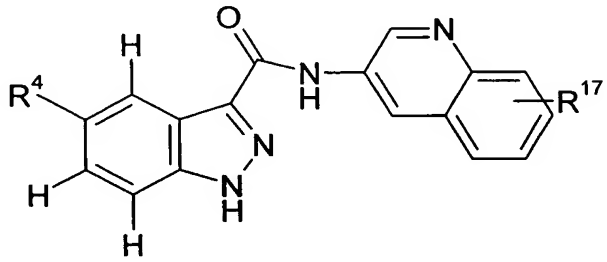
58. A compound according to claim 54 having the formula (XIII):



(XIII)

in which R^{17} is hydrogen, B-R^1 or R^{10}.

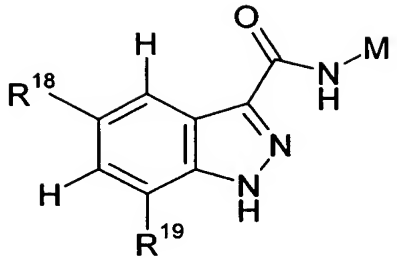
59. A compound according to claim 54 having the formula (XIV):



(XIV)

in which R^{17} is hydrogen, B-R^1 or R^{10}.

60. A compound of the formula (XV):



(XV)

wherein

M is a group R^{20} or CH_2-R^{20} where R^{20} is an aryl group having from 6 to 12 ring members and being optionally substituted by one or two substituent groups R^{10} which may be the same or different;

R^{18} is selected from hydrogen, halogen, and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members;

R^{19} is selected from hydrogen and amino, provided that at least one of R^{18} and R^{19} is other than hydrogen;

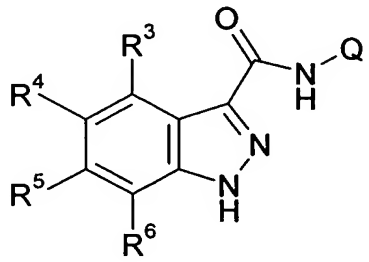
R^{10} is selected from halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, carboxy, amino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$, $X^1C(X^2)X^1$, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, SO_2NR^c or NR^cSO_2; and R^b is selected from hydrogen, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 7 ring members, and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$; provided that the aryl group R^{20} is not substituted either directly, or via an acyclic linker group having a linking chain length of up to 3 atoms selected from C, N, S and O, by a group selected from SO_2R^b, $SO_2NR^7R^8$, $CONR^7R^8$, NR^7R^9 and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 7 ring members;

R^c is hydrogen or C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl;

X^1 is O, S or NR^c and X^2 is =O, =S or $=NR^c$.

61. A compound according to claim 60 wherein R^{18} is halogen, especially iodine or chlorine, and R^{19} is hydrogen.

62. A compound of the formula (XVI):



(XVI)

wherein

Q is an optionally substituted non-bridged non-aromatic heterocyclic group having from 5 to 7 ring members of which at least one is a nitrogen atom, the group being other than a diazacycloalkyl group;

R^3, R^4, R^5 and R^6 are the same or different and are each selected from hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, carboxy, amino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$, $X^1C(X^2)X^1$, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, SO_2NR^c or NR^cSO_2; and R^b is selected from hydrogen, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members, and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$;

R^c is hydrogen or C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl;

X^1 is O, S or NR^c and X^2 is =O, =S or $=NR^c$;

R^7 is selected from hydrogen and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members and

wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$;

R^8 is selected from R^7 and carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members;

R^9 is selected from R^8, COR^8 and SO_2R^8;

or NR^7R^8 or NR^7R^9 may each form a heterocyclic group having from 5 to 12 ring members;

and the optional substituents for the group Q can be one or more (preferably up to 2, for example 1) substituent groups R^{21} selected from SO_2R^b, $SO_2NR^7R^8$, $CONR^7R^8$, NR^7R^9, halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, carboxy, amino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members; a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond, O, CO, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$, $X^1C(X^2)X^1$, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, SO_2NR^c or NR^cSO_2; and R^b is selected from hydrogen, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 7 ring members, and a C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di-C_{1-4} hydrocarbylamino, carbocyclic and heterocyclic groups having from 3 to 12 ring members and wherein one or more carbon atoms of the C_{1-8} hydrocarbyl group may optionally be replaced by O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^c, $X^1C(X^2)$, $C(X^2)X^1$ or $X^1C(X^2)X^1$;

R^c is hydrogen or C_{1-4} hydrocarbyl;

X^1 is O, S or NR^c and X^2 is =O, =S or $=NR^c$;

provided that when Q is an azacycloalkyl group and R^3 to R^6 are all hydrogen, at least one nitrogen atom of the azacycloalkyl or diazacycloalkyl group is substituted by an acyl, sulphinyl or sulphonyl group.

63. A compound as defined in any one of the preceding claims wherein said compound does not contain a benzene ring substituted by a pair of *meta*-oriented carboxamido moieties.

64. A compound according to claim 53 or claim 54 wherein J-B-R^1 and L-B-R^1 are other than a diazine or triazine substituted by a monocyclic pyrazolyl group or a bicyclic fused pyrazolyl group.

65. A compound according to any one of claims 53, 54 and 62 wherein J-B-R^1 and L-B-R^1 are other than a saturated azabicyclic moiety or an imidazolyl moiety.

66. A compound according to claim 53 or claim 59 wherein when J-B-R^1 is an unsubstituted phenyl group, R^3 to R^6 are each other than a group R^a-R^b wherein R^a is a bond and R^b is a substituted C_3-C_8 hydrocarbyl group having two or more substituents, one of which contains an unsubstituted or substituted amino group.

67. A compound selected from:

1H-Indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-methylsulphamoylmethyl-phenyl)-amide;
1H-Indazole-3-carboxylic acid [3-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-phenyl]-amide;
1H-Indazole-3-carboxylic acid [4-(acetylamino-methyl)-phenyl]-amide;
1H-Indazole-3-carboxylic acid [4-(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-phenyl]-amide;
1H-Indazole-3-carboxylic acid (3-oxazol-5-yl-phenyl)-amide;
1H-Indazole-3-carboxylic acid [4-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)-phenyl]-amide;
1H-Indazole-3-carboxylic acid (3-methanesulphonyl-phenyl)-amide;
1H-Indazole-3-carboxylic acid [4-(morpholine-4-sulphonyl)-phenyl]-amide;
5-Iodo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-sulphamoyl-phenyl)-amide;
5-Iodo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-methylsulphamoylmethyl-phenyl)-amide;
5-Iodo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (3-methanesulphonyl-phenyl)-amide;
5-Iodo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid [4-(acetylamino-methyl)-phenyl]-amide;

5-nitro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-sulphamoyl-phenyl)-amide;
5-nitro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-methylsulphamoylmethyl-phenyl)-amide;
5-thiophen-2-yl-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-methylsulphamoylmethyl-phenyl)-amide;
5-(3,5-dimethyl-isoxazol-4-yl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-methylsulphamoylmethyl-phenyl)-amide;
5-furan-2-yl-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-methylsulphamoylmethyl-phenyl)-amide; and
5-benzofuran-2-yl-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-methylsulphamoylmethyl-phenyl)-amide;
N-phenyl-5-iodo-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide;
5-morpholin-4-yl-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide;
5-chloro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (5-nitro-pyridin-2-yl)-amide;
1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-sulphamoyl-phenyl)-amide;
5-thiophen-2-yl-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-methylsulphamoylmethyl-phenyl)-amide;
5-thiazol-2-yl-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-methylsulphamoylmethyl-phenyl)-amide;
4-[(5-iodo-1H-indazole-3-carbonyl)-amino]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid [4-(thiazol-2-ylsulphamoyl)-phenyl]-amide;
5-phenyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-methylsulphamoylmethyl-phenyl)-amide;
5-nitro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid [4-(methanesulphonylamino-methyl)-phenyl]-amide;
4-[(5-nitro-1H-indazole-3-carbonyl)-amino]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
5-chloro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (1-benzyl-pyrrolidin-3-yl)-amide;
4-[(5-chloro-1H-indazole-3-carbonyl)-amino]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;

5-iodo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-amide;
5-iodo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid pyridin-3-yl-amide;
5-iodo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid quinolin-3-ylamide;
5-iodo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (tetrahydro-pyran-4-yl)-amide;
5-chloro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (1-methyl-piperidin-4-yl)-amide;
5-iodo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (2-chloro-pyridin-3-yl)-amide;
5-chloro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid benzylamide;
5-chloro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid 4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-benzylamide;
5-chloro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid pyridin-3-ylamide;
5-iodo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (6-cyano-pyridin-3-yl)-amide;
5-chloro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide;
5-iodo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (6-methyl-pyridazin-3-yl)-amide;
5-chloro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (5-ethyl-[1,3,4]thiadiazol-2-yl)-amide;
5-iodo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-morpholin-4-yl-phenyl)-amide;
5-iodo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-1,2-dihydro-pyridin-3-yl)-amide;
1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-morpholin-4-yl-phenyl)-amide;
5-nitro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide;
5-iodo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (6-chloro-pyridin-3-yl)-amide;
4-[(1H-indazole-3-carbonyl)-amino]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;
5-iodo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide;
5-iodo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (6-acetylamino-pyridin-3-yl)-amide;
5-amino-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide;
5-iodo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-methylaminosulphonylmethyl-phenyl)-amide;
5-amino-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-sulphamoyl-phenyl)-amide;
7-amino-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-sulphamoyl-phenyl)-amide;

5-[3-(2-chloro-ethyl)-ureido]-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-methylsulphamoyl-methyl-phenyl)-amide;
5-nitro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-methylsulphamoylmethyl-phenyl)-amide;
5-amino-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-methylsulphamoylmethyl-phenyl)-amide;
5-iodo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide
5-chloro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid [4-(acetylamino-methyl)-phenyl]-amide;
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1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid piperidin-4-ylamide;
1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (1-acetyl-piperidin-4-yl)-amide;
1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (1-methanesulphonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-amide;
1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide;
4-bromo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide;
5-nitro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluorophenyl)-amide;
5-amino-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluorophenyl)-amide;
5-amino-4-bromo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluorophenyl)-amide;
5-methyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide;
6-bromo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide;
5-chloro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-morpholin-4-yl-phenyl)-amide;
5-chloro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid [3-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-phenyl]-amide;
5-iodo-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl-phenyl)-amide;
5-chloro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid [4-(thiazol-2-ylsulphamoyl)-phenyl]-amide;
5-chloro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide;
3-[(5-chloro-1H-indazole-3-carbonyl)-amino]-pyrrolidine-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

5-fluoro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide;
5-morpholin-4-yl-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (6-chloro-pyridin-3-yl)-amide;
1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (6-chloro-pyridin-3-yl)-amide;
5-phenethyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide;
5-(1,1-dioxo-1lambda*6*-isothiazolidin-2-yl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide;
5-biphenyl-2-yl-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide;
5-pyrrolidin-1-yl-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide;
5-chloro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid [5-(tetrahydro-furan-2-yl)-[1,3,4]thiadiazol-2-yl]-amide;
and
5-nitro-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid (3-methanesulphonyl-phenyl)-amide

68. A compound according to any one of the preceding claims in the form of a salt or solvate.

69. A compound according to any one of the preceding claims in the form of an N-oxide.

70. A compound according to any one of claims 12 to 69 for use in medicine.

71. A compound according to any one of claim 12 to 69 for use in the prophylaxis or treatment of a disease state or condition mediated by a cyclin dependent kinase.

72. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as defined in anyone of claims 12 to 69 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

73. The use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 69 for the manufacture of a medicament for the prophylaxis or treatment of a disease state or condition mediated by a cyclin dependent kinase.

74. A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of a disease state or condition mediated by a cyclin dependent kinase, which method comprises administering to a subject in need thereof a compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 69.

75. A method for treating a disease or condition comprising or arising from abnormal cell growth in a mammal, which method comprises administering to the mammal a compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 69 in an amount effective in inhibiting abnormal cell growth.

76. A method for treating a disease or condition comprising or arising from abnormal cell growth in a mammal, the method comprising administering to the mammal a compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 69 in an amount effective to inhibit CDK2 activity.

77. A method of inhibiting a cyclin dependent kinase, which method comprises contacting the kinase with a kinase-inhibiting compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 69.

78. A method of modulating a cellular process (for example cell division) by inhibiting the activity of a cyclin dependent kinase using a compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 69.

79. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 69 for use as an antifungal agent.